

Application no.: 09/700,270

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REMARKS

Restriction between subject matter of group I (claims 1-7 and 12-14) and group II (claims 8-11) was required in the Office action dated 30 June 2005. **Applicants elect subject matter of group I** without traverse, and cancel claims directed to subject matter of group II without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter of the cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application filing. Although not addressed in the Office action, claims 15 and 16 were introduced in a preliminary amendment filed 13 November 2000, and are directed to subject matter of group I. Applicants therefore respectfully request examination of pending claims 1-7 and 12-16 on the merits.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants respectfully submit the claims pending herein are in condition for allowance, and they solicit an early notice to such effect. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (858) 623-9470 to promptly resolve any issues or questions that may remain.

In the unlikely event the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 503473**.

Respectfully submitted,

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